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METHOD THEREFOR, AND DIE

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 2, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: